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For: AQUEOUS INK AND PROCESS)
FOR PRODUCING DYE)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to the first Official Action, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend claims 3, 4, 10-14 as follows:

3. (Amended) The aqueous ink for ink jet recording according to claim 2, wherein in the formula (A), X is an optionally substituted phenylene group.

4. (Amended) The aqueous ink for ink jet recording according to claim 3, wherein in the formula (A), A is a naphthyl group (the naphthyl group may be substituted with any of a halogen atom, a hydroxyl group, an amino group, an optionally substituted alkyl group, an alkoxy group, a carboxyl group, a carboxylic acid ester group, a carboxylic acid amide group, a sulfonic acid group and a sulfonic acid amide group).